

CIVIL SERVICE HALF MARATHON FRECKLETON 19th June 2022

Only 8 CSAA athletes arrived at the start line for the Classic Freckleton Half Marathon which is the oldest in the country. This was the 58th Men's Race and 46th Women's Race and as soon as the gun went the sun came out and the temperature started to rise.

The first 3 miles were run in around 15 minutes as Ben Fish set down a marker from the off and gradually increased his lead along the route picking his way through the three sets of temporary traffic lights that appeared before race day. However, chasing not far behind in third place was HMRC athlete Michael Young who had the second runner in his sights most of the way round.

Further down the field of 275 finishers the gaps were appearing and for some it was a lonely run along the mainly flat Fylde countryside until the last 4 miles along the main round back to Freckleton. However, there were a couple of inclines to test the runners on the approach to Wrea Green at 5 miles and a welcoming water station, one of five around the course.

At the finish Ben Fish won the title for the 10th time, first taking the title back in 2007 so an astounding record in the race. Michael Young (M35) took the CSAA honours finishing 3rd whilst Cecilia Woods (F60) won the Ladies title almost 3 minutes faster than she was in 2019 proving that age is no barrier to performance. It was good to see CSAA Athletes taking prizes in the Open Race with Michael 3rd overall and 1st M35, Andrew Dobby 1st M50 and Michelle O'Neill-Hall 1st F55.

Thank you to all who supported the CSAA Half Marathon Championship

Next year the Race Organisers are considering moving from a 14.00 start to a morning start.

CSAA Pos	Name		Cat	Team	Race Pos	Chip Time	Gun Time
1	Michael	Young	M35	HMRC	3	1.13.02	1.13.02
2	Andrew	Dobby	M50	MoD	10	1.22.21	1.22.22
3	Matthew	Atkinson	M35	HMRC	22	1.27.24	1.27.25
4	Tony	Coyne	M45	DWP	25	1.28.52	1.28.55
5	Ian	Wright	M50	HMRC	46	1.36.07	1.36.11
6	Cecilia	Woods	F60	DWP	107	1.50.28	1.50.39
7	Jason	Brewer	M45	HMRC	116	1.52.37	1.52.42
8	Michelle	O'Neill-Hall	F55	HMRC	165	2.02.01	2.02.06

1st Team	Team	Time
1	HMRC	1.13.02
2	HMRC	1.27.25
3	HMRC	1.36.11
	Total	04:16:38

Individual Awards

Male	Male Vet	Female
M Young	T Coyne	C Woods
A Dobby	I Wright	M O'Neill-Hall
M Atkinson	J Brewer	